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Dear Josh:

Thanks for your suggestion that Cold Spring Harbor should be turned into an institute for peace. I have referred your suggestion to Ed Tatum and we have discussed the matter. Both of us feel that the immediate problem is to establish an entity which can carry the laboratories forward. I believe we are succeeding in doing this. The second step will be to give the laboratories an appropriate scientific or intellectual direction for the future. This will, of course, involve a new director and must incorporate his thoughts. I hope we can secure someone who is not only held in high regard by his peers but who has good imagination, and is sensitive in the world of intellect.

I hope you and Esther had fun in Japan.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Francis J. Ryan

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